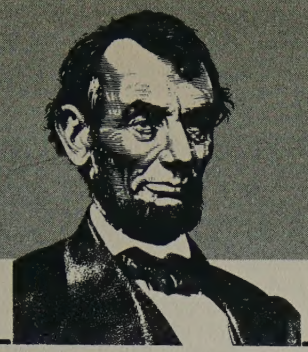

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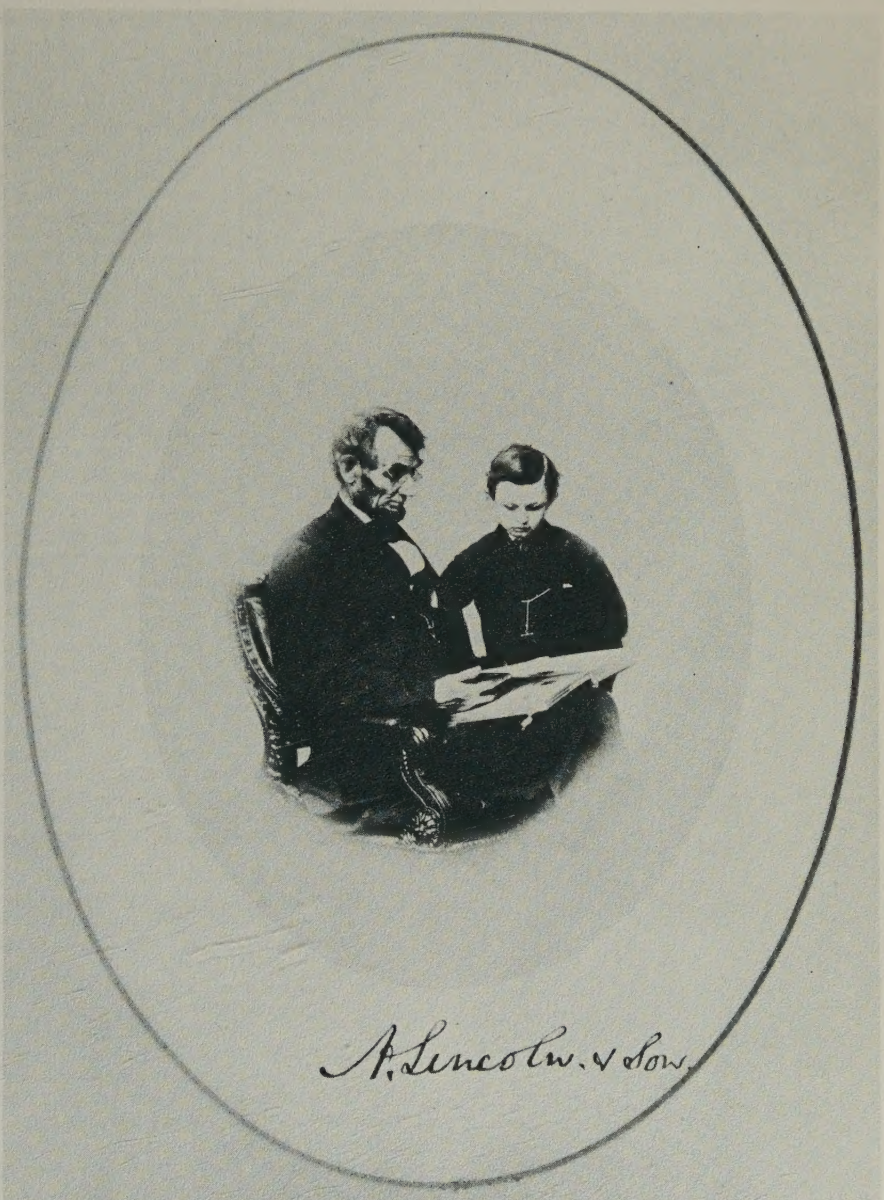
"A. LINCOLN & SON"
Autographed Photographs

Small carte-de-visite photographs signed by Abraham Lincoln are scarce, but large cabinet size photographs bearing the autograph of the sixteenth president are extremely rare. However, another autographed, half-length oval photograph (Meserve No. 39) has been discovered bearing the inscription "A. Lincoln & Son." As the inscription would indicate this is the famous photograph of Lincoln and Tad, taken by Mathew B. Brady in his Washington studio on February 9, 1864.

This photograph is one of two secured by Lincoln's "fourth" private secretary Gustave E. Matile. This twenty-five year old Department of Interior employee became an under secretary to John Hay in 1864 and "in a way . . . became secretary to president Lincoln." Matile was responsible for securing two autographed photographs of Lincoln and Tad.

The newly discovered photograph was presented by Matile to his good friend M. Gormly with the following letter:



From the Collection of Stephen G. Schwartz of Whitefish, Montana

This autographed photograph was presented to Charles M. Gormly by Gustave E. Matile on July 21, 1865.

"New York City.
July 21st 1865.

Dear friend.

Allow me to present you with one of the two likenesses given me by our late dear President, Lincoln. Knowing that you will appreciate the gift for itself as well as for its coming from your friend Matile. I know that I cannot dispose of it more satisfactorily to myself than by giving it to one whom I know to have been an admirer of the many good qualities and noble heart of our late President, only second to George Washington.

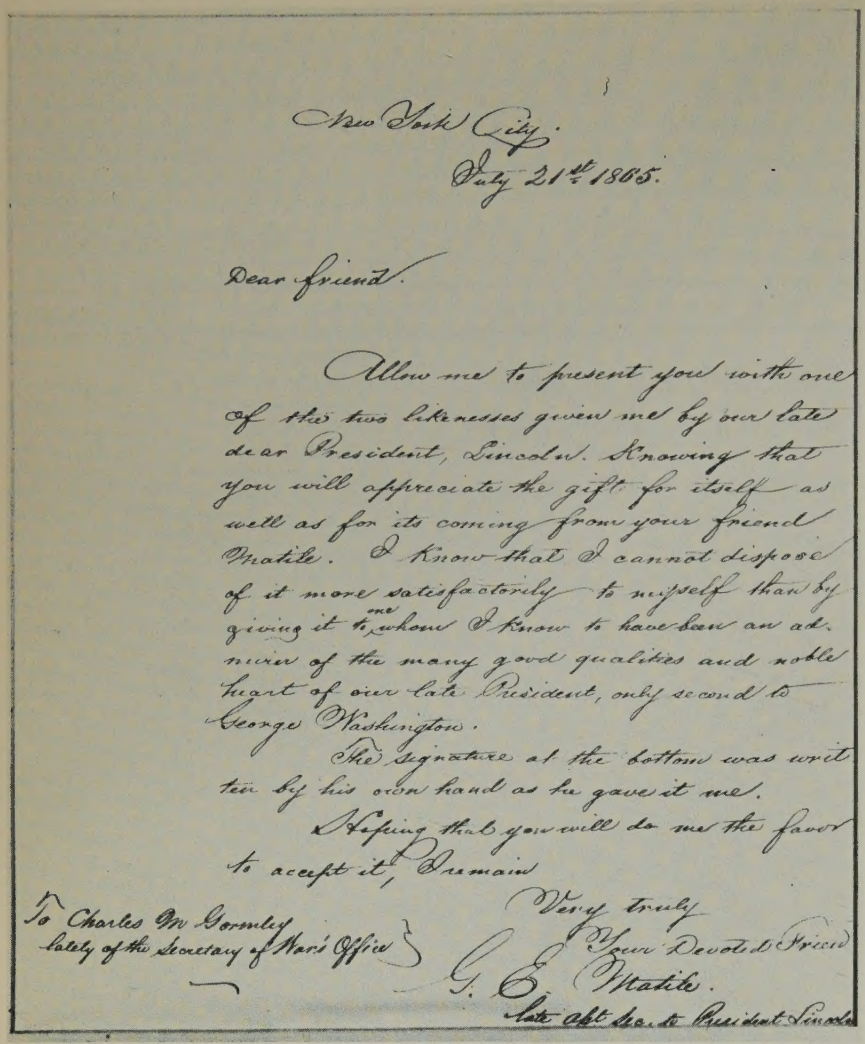
The signature at the bottom was written by his own hand as he gave it to me.

Hoping that you will do me the favor to accept it, I remain

Very truly
Your Devoted
Friend
G. E. Matile
late apt Sec. to
President Lincoln"

To Charles M.
Gormley
lately of the
Secretary of
War's Office

This photograph bearing the inscription "A. Lincoln & Son" presented to Charles M. Gormly is the property of Gromly's grandson Stephen G.



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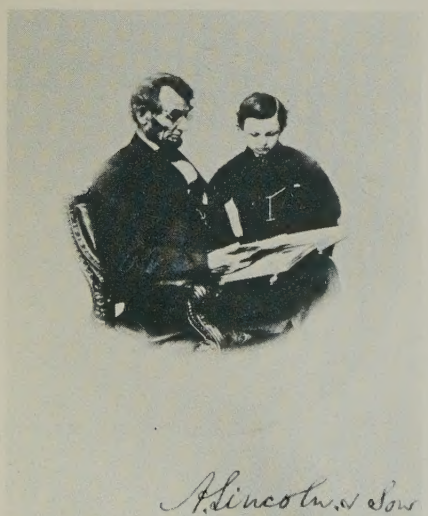
Original letter of Gustave E. Matile, "late apt. Sec. to President Lincoln," to Charles M. Gormly, dated July 21, 1865.



A. Lincoln & Son

From the Kellogg Public Library, Green Bay, Wisconsin
This autographed photograph was presented to the Kellogg Public Library, Green Bay, Wisconsin, by Gustave E. Matile.

Schwartz of Whitefish, Montana. Mr. Schwartz values the heirloom highly and the photograph is not for sale.

The other photograph, first published in the Autumn 1956 issue of the *Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society,* mentioned by Matile in his letter to Gormly is the property of the Kellogg Public Library of Green Bay, Wisconsin. It is almost identical to the one in Whitefish, Montana. The presentation card in the photograph states that it was secured "When . . . Matile was under-secretary to John Hay, Lincoln's secretary." In later years Matile was a United States Court Commissioner and was called "Judge." His legal work pertained largely to the Oneida Indian Reservation in Wisconsin. He died June 17, 1908, in Green Bay and is buried in the Woodlawn Cemetery.

Four other autographs of Abraham Lincoln in the large cabinet size are known to be extant. A half-size oval photograph (Meserve No. 6) inscribed "Yours truly A. Lincoln" sold at the Parke-Bernet Gallery in 1952 for $550. It is now the property of Dr. Paul B. Freeland of Nashville, Tennessee. Another contemporary, half-length, oval photograph (Meserve No. 9) signed by the future president "Yours truly A. Lincoln" sold at the same gallery in 1952 for $750. Originally this photograph was inscribed by Lincoln for Arnold Robinson, a crier of the United States Court in Springfield, Illinois. Both of the above mentioned photographs were once the property of the late Oliver R. Barrett, whose great collection of Lincolniana was sold in New York at public auction.

Undoubtedly the finest half-length, oval, autographed Lincoln photograph (Meserve No. 42) bears the inscription "For Mrs. Lucy G. Speed, from whose pious hands I accepted the present of an Oxford Bible twenty years ago. Washington, D. C. October 3, 1861. A. Lincoln." This photograph is the property of the J. B. Speed Memorial Museum at Louisville, Kentucky.

Another autographed, half-length oval photograph of Lincoln (Meserve No. 14) is the property of the Illinois State Historical Library of Springfield, Illinois, It was originally inscribed "Yours truly A. Lincoln" for George F. Smith of Plantsville, Connecticut. Smith was a dry-goods salesman who secured Lincoln's autographed photograph four days before the 1860 presidential election.

Fort Wayne, Indiana—1860

"When Stephen A. Douglas came to Fort Wayne, October 2, 1860, in his canvass against the 'Railsplitter of the Sangamon', a huge sawlog intended to represent Abraham Lincoln was flung into the St. Marys River. Only one protest against the political float was made, however. When the float challenging the 'Black Republicans' halted before the house of a rabid abolitionist, his wife came out on the porch 'most unwisely . . . and with angry words raised her fist against this provocation'.

"At sunset there was a hue and cry, 'Everybody to the Court House'. This time a straw figure of Abraham Lincoln was hanged in effigy.

" . . . Allen County . . . cast 3,224 votes for Douglas, 2,522 for Lincoln, 42 for Breckinridge, 32 for Bell."

Bessie K. Roberts:
The Journal-Gazette Sunday Magazine,
September 2, 1956

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New items available for consideration may be sent to the above address or to the Lincoln National Life Foundation.

1958

LINCOLN-DOUGLAS DEBATE CENTENNIAL 1958-72

Lincoln - Douglas / Debate / Centennial / 1858-1958 / (sketches of Lincoln, Douglas and Knox College/59th Annual Meeting Illinois Historical Society/Conference of the Civil War Round Table/Knox College/Galesburg, Illinois. October 4-5-6-7, 1958/(Cover title).

Pamphlet, paper, 9¼" x 12½", 36 pp., illus. Official Souvenir Program.

RELIGIOUS TRACT SOCIETY 1958-73

Lincoln's Devotional/Introduction by/Carl Sandburg/(device)/Channel Press, Inc. Great Neck, N. Y.

Book, cloth, 4⅛" x 7", xvi p., 192 pp., price $5.00. Deluxe edition, boxed.

1959

ANDERSON, BARBARA 1959-23

Farmington's Chapter/in the/Lincoln Story/by/Barbara Anderson/Historic Homes Foundation, Inc./3033 Bardstown Road/Louisville 5, Kentucky.

Pamphlet, flexible boards, 7⅛" x 10½", 16 pp., illus.

ANGLE, PAUL M. 1959-24

Volume V Winter, 1958-1959 Number 6/Chicago History/An informal publication devoted in the main to the/Society's museums, library, and activities./Paul M. Angle, Editor/The Chicago Historical Society/Lincoln Park at North Avenue, Chicago 14/Lincoln and Chicago/(Caption title).

Pamphlet, flexible boards, 4½" x 7⅛", 161-192 pp., illus.

BOTTOLFSEN, C. A. 1959-25

Abraham Lincoln/The Universal Figure/(Lincoln profile)/An Address Delivered/by/Senator C. A. Bottolfsen/at Joint Session of/Senate and House of Representatives/Idaho Legislature/February 12, 1959/(Cover title).

Pamphlet, paper, 6" x 9", (6) pp.

BROADCAST MUSIC, INC. 1959-26

BMI presents another/notable addition to its/award-winning script series/. . ./. . ./. . ./"The Abraham Lincoln Story" 1809-1959/(Lincoln head by Fairbanks)/. . ./Broadcast Music, Inc./589 Fifth Avenue, New York 17, N. Y./Broadcasting, March 16, 1959/(Caption title).

Folder, paper, 8⅛" x 11", 20 separate scripts of 6-7 pages each. More to follow.

CHICAGO DAILY NEWS 1959-27

Man For the Ages/(Lincoln portrait by Allen Tupper True)/Chicago Daily News/February 12, 1959/Abraham Lincoln/Sesquicentennial Section/(Cover title).

Pamphlet, paper, 12" x 15", 16 pp., illus.

CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY 1959-28

(Photo of the Max Kalish statue of Lincoln)/He Walked Twenty Miles For a Book/The Open Shelf/Cleveland Public Library/January-February, 1959/Number 1-2/(Cover title).

Pamphlet, paper, 7" x 10", 8 pp., illus. Contains bibliography of Lincolniana.

EIFERT, VIRGINIA S. 1959-29

New Birth of/Freedom/Abraham Lincoln in the White House/by/Virginia S. Eifert/Illustrated by Manning De V. Lee/Dodd, Mead & Company. New York. 1959.

Book, cloth, 6¼" x 9½", 209 pp., fr., illus., price $3.50.

FILSON CLUB 1959-30

The Filson Club/History Quarterly/Vol. 33 Louisville, Kentucky, April, 1959 No. 2/Lincoln Sesquicentennial Number/. . ./Published Quarterly by/The Filson Club/Incorporated/118 West Breckinridge Street/Louisville, 3, Kentucky/(Cover title).

Pamphlet, flexible boards, 6½" x 9¾", 78 pp.

FRANKLIN, JOHN HOPE 1959-31

Lincoln/and Public/Morality/by John Hope Franklin/An Address Delivered at the/Chicago Historical Society/on February 12, 1959/(sketch of Lincoln)/Chicago Historical Society—1959.

Pamphlet, flexible boards, 5½" x 8", 24 pp.

GRAEBNER, NORMAN 1959-32

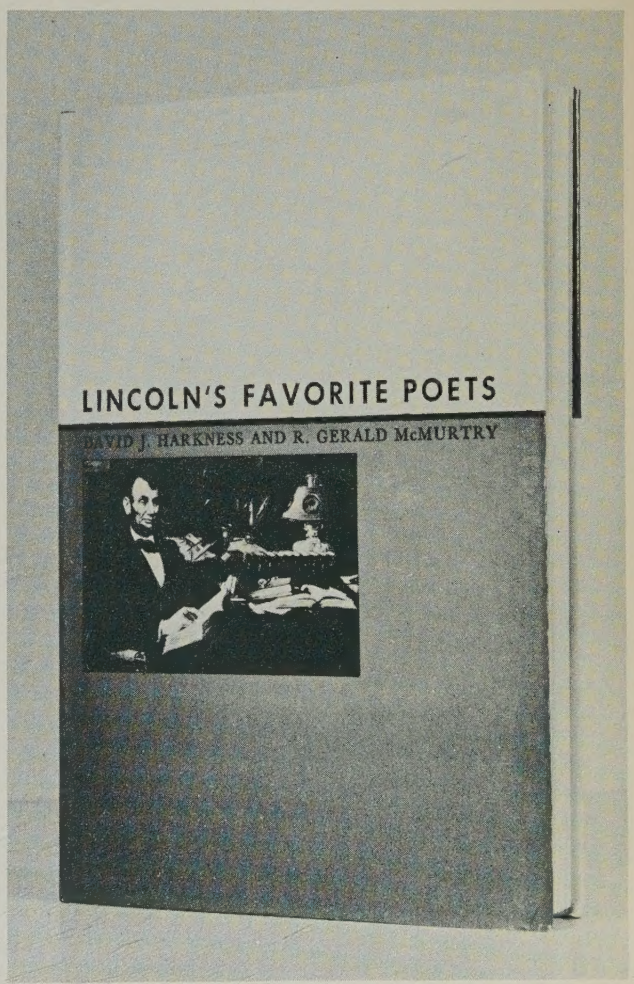
The Enduring Lincoln/(sketch of Lincoln-M59)/Edited by/Norman A. Graebner.

Book, cloth, 6" x 8¼", vii p., 129 pp., price $3.00. Lincoln Sesquicentennial Lectures at the University of Illinois by Roy T. Basler, T. Harry Williams, David Donald, Norman A. Graebner. University of Illinois Press, Urbana, Ill.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA LINCOLN GROUP & LINCOLN SESQUICENTENNIAL COMMISSION 1959-33

The Lincoln Group/of the District of Columbia/in cooperation with/The Lincoln Sesquicentennial/Dinner/Wednesday evening,/the eleventh of February/Nineteen Hundred and Fifty-nine/Presidential and Congressional Rooms/The Statler-Hilton/Washington, District of Columbia/(sketch of cabin).

Pamphlet, paper, 17" x 7", (8) pp.



"Lincoln's Favorite Poets" by David J. Harkness and R. Gerald McMurtry. The University of Tennessee Press, Knoxville, Tennessee, price $3.50.

HARKNESS, DAVID J. & McMURTRY, R. GERALD **1959-34**

Lincoln's Favorite Poets/By David J. Harkness and R. Gerald McMurtry/The University of Tennessee Press, Knoxville.

Book cloth, 7" x 10¼", 101 pp., price $3.50.

ILLINOIS STATE REGISTER **1959-35**

Illinois State Journal, February 11, 1959/Souvenir Album of Abraham Lincoln Portraits/in conjunction with/Abraham Lincoln/Sesquicentennial/Celebration—in Springfield, Illinois/(Lincoln tomb)/In this final resting place/as in the hearts of the people/for whom he saved the union/the memory of Abraham Lincoln will live forever/(Cover title).

Pamphlet, paper, 11¼" x 15", (4) pp., illus.

IOWA STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY **1959-36**

State Historical Society of Iowa/News for/Members/ Volume XII January, 1959/Number 1/Message from the Superintendent/Iowans Will Observe the Sesquicentennial of Lincoln's Birth/(Caption title).

Folder, paper, 6" x 9", 4 p., illus.

JOHNSON, MORDECAI W. **1959-37**

An Address/on/Abraham Lincoln/by Dr. Mordecai W. Johnson/President of Howard University/Washington, D. C./Before/Joint Convention of the Michigan Legislature/February 12, 1959/(Cover title).

Pamphlet, paper, 6" x 9", 19 pp.

KREBS, ALBERT **1959-38**

Informations / & Documents / Numero Special/Abraham Lincoln/(photo of Lincoln)/99 15 Fevrier-1er Mars 1959/(Cover title).

Pamphlet, paper, 8½" x 11⅛", 44 pp., illus. In French language published by the Centre Culturel Americain. Redaction: 4, Avenue Gabriel, Paris-VIII. Distribution: 41, Rue du Fg St-Honore, Paris-VIII.

LINCOLN FELLOWSHIP OF HAMILTON, ONTARIO, CANADA **1959-39**

A Canadian Visits Civil War Shrines/by Kingsley Brown/(as condensed by William J. McCulloch)/Lincoln and Lancashire/ by Doctor C. M. Johnston/Being the substance of addresses/delivered before the/Lincoln Fellowship of Hamilton,/ Ontario, Canada./at the Scottish Rite Club/on the evening of/February 12, 1959/(Cover title).

Pamphlet, paper, 5⅜" x 8¾", (12) pp.

LINCOLN SAVINGS BANK, NEW YORK CITY **1959-40**

The Emancipator/News/(reproductions of 1¢, 3¢, 4¢ Lincoln stamps)/Abraham Lincoln Sesquicentennial 1809-1959/The Lincoln·Savings Bank/(Cover title).

Pamphlet, paper, 5⅞" x 8¾", 9 pp., illus.

CALIFORNIA LINCOLN SESQUICENTENNIAL ASSOCIATION **1959-41**

Abraham Lincoln/Sesquicentennial/1959/(plaster model of bronze medal by Gage)/Exhibit Catalogue/(Cover title).

Pamphlet, flexible boards, 8" x 9¾", 17 pp., illus. Exhibit of 71 items of Lincolniana loaned by California Lincoln collectors for display at public institutions during 1959.

UNITED STATES LINCOLN SESQUICENTENNIAL COMMISSION **1959-42**

Abraham Lincoln/(Lincoln head)/said . . ./(Cover title).

Folder, paper, 3" x 6½", (6) pp. Contains selected excerpts from the words of Abraham Lincoln.

UNITED STATES LINCOLN SESQUICENTENNIAL COMMISSION **1959-43**

(Seal)/The Lincoln Sesquicentennial/Intelligence/a newsletter highlighting events in the observance/of the 150th anniversary of Lincoln's birth/March, 1959/Washington, D. C. Vol. 1—No. 2/(Caption title).

Folder, paper, 8½" x 11", (6) pp.

McCLELLAND, STEWART W. **1959-44**

Twee Whigs/En Die/Lotswisseling/deur/Stewart W. McClelland/Vertaal deur/Danie Smal/Gedruk deur/Ray Alexander/Typex Press.

Pamphlet, paper, 7¼" x 4⅞", 12 pp., illus. "Two Whigs and a Whirligig" in Afrikaans. This is the first Lincoln Publication to appear in Afrikaans. Edition limited to 250 numbered copies, 100 of which have been presented to the American Information Service, & 150 copies for distribution in the United States of America.

NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION **1959-45**

Programming the/Lincoln Sesquicentennial/in American High Schools/(Cover title).

Pamphlet, paper, 6" x 9", 15 pp., illus. Published by National Education Association, 1201 Sixteenth St., N. W. Washington 6, D. C.

SQUIRE, DICK **1959-46**

Lincoln/in the Magazines/ During 1958/A Cumulative Bibliography of Periodical Lincolniana/Number Four/by Dick Squire/1959/The Lincoln Press Bedford, Ohio.

Pamphlet, paper, 5½" x 8⅛", 35-44 pp. Limited to 500 copies. The Lincoln Press, 451 Broadway, Bedford, Ohio. Price 50¢.

STAMP AND COIN CLUB **1959-47**

Lincoln in/Indiana/1816-1830/ The Formative Years/(Boy Lincoln and His Mother by Bracker)/Stamp and Coin Club/Western Electric Co., Inc./Indianapolis Works/(Cover title).

Folder, paper, 3½" x 6⅛", (4) pp. Enclosed in envelope.

TEMPLE, WAYNE C. **1959-48**

Wayne C. Temple/Mary Todd Lincoln's Travels/Reprinted from the Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society,/Vol. LII, No. 1, Spring 1959/(Cover title).

Pamphlet, paper, 6" x 9", 180-194 pp.

THORSEN, W. B. **1959-49**

The American Book Collector/ February 1959/(clay model of Lincoln by Dr. Avard Fairbanks)/"The Enduring Lincoln"/50 cents/(Cover title).

Pamphlet, paper, 8½" x 11", 31 pp., illus. Abraham Lincoln sesquicentennial issue containing a selection of reproductions from Bernhardt Wall's etched work "Following Abraham Lincoln 1809-1865."

TRAVELERS INSURANCE COMPANIES **1959-50**

Lincoln/Portraits/An exhibit in Observance of the/ Lincoln Sesquicentennial/1809-1959/(device)/February 2 to 27, 1959—Court Hall/The Travelers Insurance Companies/Hartford, Connecticut/(Cover title).

Folder, paper, 9" x 12", (3) pp. Contains lithograph of Lincoln by Currier & Ives.

UNITED STATES **1959-51**

(Not printed at Government expense) (seal) Congressional Record/United States of America/Proceedings and Debates of the 86th Congress, First Session/Lincoln Lighted a Candle During the Darkest Days of the Civil War—We Commemorate the Centennial in 1962/Speech/ of/Hon. Henry Aldous Dixon/of Utah/In the House of Representatives. Monday, March 9, 1959/(Caption title).

Folder, paper, 8" x 11", 4 pp.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR **1959-52**

Abraham Lincoln/National Historial Park, Kentucky/ Lincoln Sesquicentennial/1809-1959/(photo of oak tree)/ the Boundary Oak/Near this famous landmark stood the cabin in which Lincoln was born./(Cover title).

Folder, paper, 6" x 8½", (6) pp.